

The Charles Miller House,  
County Line Road,  
N.E. of Menomonee Falls, Wis.  
Waukesha Co.

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CHARLES MILLER HOUSE  
County Line Road, near Menominee Falls  
Waukesha County  
Wisconsin

Owner: Charles Miller.

Date of Erection: 1858.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two, and cellar.

Materials of Construction: Stone.

Other Existing Records: See text.

Additional Data: See following pages.

## THE CHARLES MILLER HOUSE

The Charles Miller House is located on County Line Road in a northeasterly direction from Menominee Falls, Wisconsin.

The house was built in 1858. It is constructed of Lannon stone, which is a product of the nearby stone quarries bearing that name. This is a type of gray ledge stone which weathers beautifully to a rust color when exposed to the elements.

The exterior of the building exhibits many of the earmarks of the architecture of the seaboard towns. The main doorway is particularly noteworthy because of its delicate and refined treatment of mouldings. All mouldings are hand-cut. The cornice is in excellent proportion with the size of the building. The windows are ideal from the standpoint of proportion and for glass units. They are placed very close to the outside surface of the building, another characteristic of the eastern work.

The interior indicates the same thought and care lavished on the various features such as fireplace, cabinets, and staircase. The latter is of black walnut and an excellent design.

The most unusual feature of the house is the way it was built. The ground on which the house was to be erected was shaped off in the form of an immense semi-circular mound.

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Over this a vault was constructed of stone approximately 2 feet thick. When this had set the earth below was removed and the excavated area thus obtained was the basement. Then the walls of the house itself, in fact the entire house, were built on top of this immense stone vault. Just why this unusual construction occurs is a mystery. Furthermore it is the only house in the entire locality constructed along these lines.

The house is a joy to visit because it is in the hands of discriminating tenants who have furnished it with just the type of furnishings and fittings which belong to an old house like this. These fittings are complete to the smallest detail, and with the interesting background of the house a most satisfying result is obtained.

*Manuel Gut*  
District Officer.

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